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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 2833**

PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Takao MURAKAMI et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2833  
Application No.: 10/616,976 ) Examiner: Alexander Gilman  
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed March 24, 2005, and pursuant to  
37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.